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SUBJECT: ACCREDITATION OF RFE/RL CORRESPONDENTS AT 1980 OLYMPICS

1. WE WERE UNABLE TO TALK WITH U.S. DELEGATE ROBY BEFORE HE LEFT PRAGUE TO DISCUSS OUTCOME OF DISCUSSION OF ACCREDITATION OF CORRESPONDENTS TO 1980 OLYMPICS. INDIAN DELEGATE, HOWEVER, TOLD US THAT ISSUE WAS ACTUALLY DISCUSSED JUNE 17 AND AN AMENDMENT TO THE FORMER RULE ON ACCREDITATION AGREED UPON. HE SAID RESPONSIBILITY FOR RECOMMENDING ACCREDITATION REMAINED WITH NATIONAL COMMITTEES, BUT COULD PROVIDE NO DETAILS.

2. JUNE 18 RUDE PRAVO SAID: "REGARDING RULE 49, WHICH DEALS WITH ACCREDITATION TO THE OLYMPIC GAMES OF EMPLOYEES OF COMMUNICATIONS

MEDIA, IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE IOC HAS THE RIGHT TO APPROVE OR REFUSE ACCREDITATIONS, IF THEY DO NOT MEET THE CONDITIONS LAID DOWN BY THE IOC". A CTK REPORT WAS MORE SPECIFIC, SAYING: "THE IOC HAS RESERVED THE FULL RIGHT FOR THE FUTURE TO DECIDE ON THE ACCREDITATION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL INFORMATION MEDIA AT OLYMPIC GAMES. THIS IS IMPORTANT PROGRESS. IF INTERPRETED CORRECTLY AND CONSTRUCTIVELY, THIS STAND COULD GREATLY HELP STRENGTHEN THE WORLD FRIENDSHIP OF SPORTSMEN  
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AND THE OLYMPIC IDEAL." COMMENT: WORKING WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF THE EXACT LANGUAGE OF EITHER THE OLD OR THE NEW VERSION OF RULE 49, WE INTERPRET THIS TO MEAN THAT THE IOC HAS BEEN GIVEN A CLEARER MANDATE THAN BEFORE TO ACCEPT OR REJECT RECOMMENDATIONS OF NATIONAL COMMITTEES, BUT HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN GUIDELINES THAT WOULD REQUIRE AUTOMATIC REJECTION OF RFE/RL ACCREDITATION. IF THIS IS CORRECT, REQUIREMENT FOR IOC TO GIVE

JUDGEMENT CALLS INSTEAD OF SEMAUTOMATIC APPROVAL OF NATIONAL  
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS PROVIDES A NEW POLITICAL BATTLEGROUND  
TO ENLIVEN PRE-GAMES PERIOD.

3. WE ARE TRYING TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION FROM LOCAL  
SOURCES, BUT BELIEVE US OLYMPIC COMMITTEE WILL BE ONLY  
FULLY RELIABLE SOURCES. DECON FOLLOWING DEC. 31, 1980.  
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